

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Any member must include him also.

President.—What has the Government Advocate to say in this matter?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is open to the chairman to resign the chairmanship also. It does not necessarily follow that, if for the time being he resigns his place, he ceases to be the chairman. Suppose he rejoins duty. Then the whole thing may revive. He is not appointed to the place as the Government Advocate. Mr. A. Sankara Menon Esquire, B. A. & B. L. is appointed as Chairman. He must report to the Diwan as per Standing Order 34(5) to appoint a Member and then another shall become the Chairman of the Committee. Even if he is appointed a member of the Committee, he does not *ipso facto* come the chairman of the Committee. The President of the Council will have to appoint the Chairman, because it is only the President who can exercise this power. The Diwan cannot appoint him. From a reading of Standing Orders 33(3) and 34(5) it seems to me that a motion has to be made.

President.—Under 34(6) the relevant portion is "The Chairman of the Committee shall have power to report to the Diwan the name of any Member of the Select Committee who neglects or is unable to attend the sittings or by death, resignation or otherwise ceases to be a Member of the Committee and the Diwan may thereupon appoint etc." The question is when the chairman of the Committee tenders his resignation to the Diwan, does not that, under section 34(5), give power to the Diwan to appoint a fresh member to the Committee.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I think so.

President.—The Diwan can appoint a member. I think that procedure may be followed.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—The President has to nominate a chairman.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think the President can act as President even outside the Council.

President.—Yes.

Nambudiri Reform Bill.

A similar motion standing in the name of Mrs. G. Pavitran was not moved. Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—'The President may appoint a Chairman to the Select Committee appointed to consider the Nambudiri Reform Bill.'

Cochin Small Holdings Bill.

President. Mr. C. A. Kurjunny Raja will move for leave to introduce the Cochin Small Holdings Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I move for leave to introduce the Cochin Small Holdings Bill.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I second it.

Question put and agreed to.

Muslim Succession Bill.

President.—Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi will move for leave to introduce the Muslim Succession Bill.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Muslim Succession Bill.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Question put and agreed to.

Cochin Absolute Privilege Bill.

President.—Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar will move for leave to introduce the Cochin Absolute Privilege Bill.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Absolute Privilege Bill.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—I second it.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to Prevent the Dedication of Women to Hindu Temples in the State of Cochin.

President.—Mrs. G. Pavitran will move for leave to introduce the Bill to Prevent the Dedication of Women to Hindu Temples in the State of Cochin.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—I beg to move for leave to introduce the Bill to Prevent the Dedication of Women to Hindu Temples in the State of Cochin.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—I second it.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

(18) *Cosmopolitan Hostel* (contd.)

President.—We shall now continue the discussion of resolution No. 18.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The resolution runs thus: "This Council recommends to the Government to start a Cosmopolitan Hostel attached to the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, in the building now used for the Caste-Hindu Hostel".

Yesterday, while this resolution was discussed here, most of the discussion turned upon the abstract question of whether hostels should be established on sectarian lines or on cosmopolitan lines. Yesterday was not the first time in this Council, so far as this question was concerned, that resolutions of this nature have been moved, and it is gratifying to note that over